

H.R. 2073

INTRODUCED BY: Rep. C.W. Bill Young (R., FL) on 24 January 1981 and jointly referred to the HPSCI and the Judiciary Committee.

PURPOSE: To provide for the personal safety of persons engaged in furthering the foreign intelligence operations of the United States.

APPROACH:

(i) Would amend the U.S. Criminal Code, title 18, section 793;

(ii) Establishes two categories of potential defendants and criminal acts:

-- A strict liability provision which would criminalize the willful disclosure of identifying information (or information tending to identify) by anyone who is or has been in authorized possession or control of such information; and,

-- The willful unauthorized disclosure of such information by anyone evincing:

(a) a specific intent to disclose a protected affiliation or relationship;

(b) "knowing or having reason to believe that such disclosure may prejudice the safety or well-being of the identified individual."

(iii) Establishes a penalty of a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than ten years, or both;

(iv) Has a corollary penalty of \$100,000 or imprisonment of twenty years or both, "if the individual identified is physically harmed or killed as a result of the disclosure."